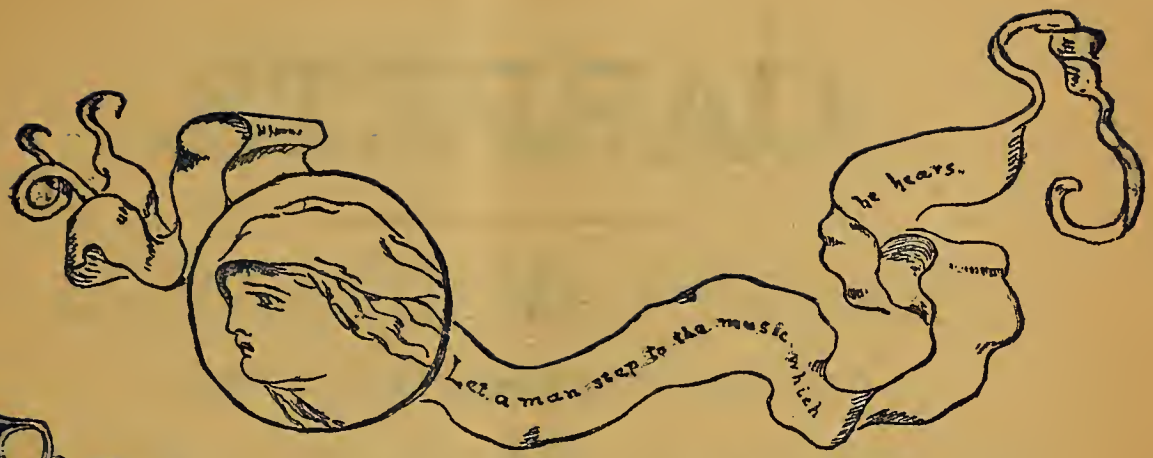

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EDITORIALS.

On Saturday, September 19th, Zeta Alpha met in Society Hall for the first regular meeting of the year, and on the following week Phi Sigma held her first reunion. New members were initiated into both societies, and were cordially welcomed by the old members. For both Greek-letter societies the coming year promises much that is hopeful and encouraging. Their career, since their reorganization in 1889, has been as prosperous and happy as their most ardent well-wisher could desire. During the two years of their existence they have become recognized as important factors in the college life, and their influence upon the students is far-reaching. They are now established upon a firm basis, their success is assured, and their future is hopeful in the promise of further development in true fraternity feeling, and in the promise of deeper and more scholarly work. Of all the many influences that shape student thought and broaden student life, there is none, perhaps, more potent or more far-reaching than that of the college societies. They furnish the student an incentive for pursuing lines of study outside of the class room work. They inspire zeal for systematic, individual research, and they offer the best opportunity for social intercourse among the students of the different classes. A society can work to the best advantage only when its membership is small, and on this account many of our students are unable to enjoy the privileges and pleasures which a society offers. Wellesley has five societies, but they are closed to almost three-fourths of her students, among whom are many strong, earnest girls, who would be greatly benefited by society work. Could not Wellesley support another society? Or could not some of those that are now well-established organize chapters and in this way bring a greater proportion of the students under the direct, helpful influence of a society?

Among the new regulations which have been formulated this year for the guidance of the Wellesley world, there is one which has caused much discussion among the students and overturned many carefully-laid plans. The regulation reads as follows: "Students who incur conditions in their regular college work, and those who have deficiencies caused by protracted absence from college will be required to with-

draw from all outside duties, whether of Society, Club, Class Committee, or publication." This is obviously a protective measure, formulated for the interest and best welfare of the student, and none will deny that it is a wise one. The student who is burdened by the pressure of conditions or deficiencies of any kind in our busy Wellesley world must feel that she has neither the time nor strength for any outside, unnecessary work, and she must feel the advantage of the measure in almost every case. In regard to the society work, however, a similar regulation has always been practically observed, and members who are known to be busy with back work, or who are unable on account of ill health to undertake new duties, are exempt from all literary or committee work. Since such a measure has been a part of the policy of all the societies why should a member who has deficiencies be required to wholly withdraw? The meetings of the societies are not held often enough to interfere with the time which might be devoted by her to study, and surely the papers and discussions which form the program of the meeting cannot fail to be of great value to her. Of course a society does not elect to membership a student who is known to be heavily conditioned. There is one result which must needs arise from this new regulation which will tend to broaden student thought in a certain direction. A condition is almost always regarded as a sort of overwhelming disgrace. Oftentimes, however, it is the result not of carelessness or neglect on the part of the student, but of circumstances over which she has no control, of insufficient preparatory work, perhaps, or ill health. By this regulation it will be impossible for the student always to preserve the fact and the cause of her condition as a most profound secret, through a mistakened sense of shame and disgrace, and the college world will thus come to feel that a condition is not *in all cases* the worst possible evil that can befall a student.

The change in the hours for Bible recitations has made it possible for many of the students to attend the Friday afternoon rehearsals of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. This is a privilege which the Wellesley girls have desired for a long time and it will be eagerly welcomed. Every year a few students have enjoyed the Saturday evening concerts, but the majority have felt that the journey into Boston and the return at a late hour was a tax which their strength could not well endure. Now, however, it will be possible for most of the students if they so desire, to listen to the Friday afternoon rehearsals, and without doubt many will take advantage of the opportunity to do so.

The next issue of the Prelude will be the first literary number. The editors have expended much care upon its preparation, and they hope that it may be favorably received by the Wellesley world. They have been greatly helped and encouraged by many expressions of good will and approval regarding the contemplated change in the form of their publication, and they hope most earnestly that the first literary number may meet the expectation of its friends.

A WORD ON PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The bright days which have ushered in the new college year seem to fortell unusual prosperity to Wellesley. It certainly bids fair to be one of great interest in Physical Culture.

The gymnasium is attractive in its new coat of paint, and its strange looking apparatus promises an interesting course to those who have just entered. We would congratulate our younger sisters, not only for having the advantage of all the modern improvements, but that more time is now allotted to this branch than hitherto.

The time spent in the gymnasium, if properly used, will be found to be very valuable throughout the college course, and indeed

throughout life. Now and then some student is heard to remark that she wishes she could spend the periods in out-of-door exercise instead of in the gymnasium. But this only shows a lack of farsightedness as to her future good. She should know that if, before engaging in active sports, she has not acquired a knowledge of the proper use of the muscles, she will only exaggerate any deformity she may happen to have. She should know that she can here gain an erect carriage and fine bearing that is an ornament to any woman.

We would by no means say a disparaging word as to the benefit of the out-of-door sports for which Wellesley offers such unusual opportunities, and in this connection we would say a word as to the proposed formation of an intercollegiate athletic association. It has been said by some that such an association would give the desired impetus to athletics which nothing else could. Others maintain that even an athletic association would fail to do for true lovers of athletics what the tennis, boating, and skating facilities have not yet done, that it is now the duty of the students to build up the interest by boating clubs, tennis clubs, etc., and defer the formation of an intercollegiate athletic association till a time when we shall be better prepared for so important an undertaking.

It lies with each student whether she will do her duty for herself and for her college in the department of physical culture. It lies with each student whether the Wellesley women shall be those whom the world needs, women whose physical education goes hand in hand with the moral and intellectual, for it is still true as Plato has said, "The fair mind in the fair body will be the fairest and loveliest of all sights to him who has the seeing eye."

F. S. R., '93.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Blanche Sanders, '93, will not return to college this year.

COLLEGE NOTES.

WEEKLY BULLETIN.

Sunday, October 4.—Communion Service in the Chapel at 11 A. M. Sermon by Prof. W. H. Ryder of Andover.

Monday, October 5.—Memorial Service on anniversary of Mr. Durant's death. Address by Mrs. Louise McCoy North of Middletown, Conn.

Saturday, October 10.—Sophomore Social.

Rev. Theodore Bishop preached in the Chapel on Sunday, Sep. 27, at 11 A. M. His text is found in Luke 12:21,—"Rich to ward God." Christ nowhere excludes from the Kingdom of God those who are wealthy, but he does exclude those whose hearts are owned by riches. The hero of the parable of the Rich Fool was of this last kind. Having great earthly possessions he desired nothing else than the mere enjoyment of them, and as a result his soul was suddenly required of him, for he was not rich toward God. To be rich toward God we need more than morality, we need piety; we need more than good resolutions, we need good actions; we need thorough consecration; and we need willing and perfect service. This rich man of the parable did four things, which should be warnings to us. He forgot God, he put a false estimate upon life, he lived for himself, and he forgot death. What we need then to be rich toward God is above all perfect consecration to his service; to live day by day Miss Havergal's glorious hymn.

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee."

Miss Alice Newman, '92, will not return to college this year on account of ill health.

On Saturday evening, September 26, Society Hall was the scene of the Phi Sigma initiations. Miss Caroline Dresser, '90, Miss Alice Clement, Miss Esther Bailey and Miss Marion

Parker, '91, and Miss Mabel Stone, Special, returned to see the ceremony. The victims sacrificed at the shrine of the Owl, were Miss Bertha Longley, Miss Emilie Porter, Miss Mary Holmes, Miss Frances Pullen, and Miss Ethel Stanwood of '94, and Miss Helen James of, 95. After the initiation Miss Dresser, Miss Clement and Miss Bailey spoke, to the members. Miss Bates then told of the early day of the society, of its formation through Mr. Durant's influence, its work, and its downfall after a brief career. The representatives of the Faculty then retired, escorted by the Marshal, to bring forth their initiate. This initiate proved to be a beautiful photograph of "Hermes with the infant Bacchus." The welcome he received was enough to have turned the steadiest head, and Hermes would indeed have had some cause to be vain could he have heard the pæans of joy sung in his honor. The meeting ended with dancing and the singing of Phi Sigma's song.

The Shakespeare Society met on Saturday evening, September 26. The following new members were formally received :—Miss Caroline Mudgett, Special, Miss May Lemer, '93, Miss Caroline Randolph, '94, Miss Edith Crapo, '94, and Miss Katherine Conner, '94. The program of the evening's exercises was as follows :—

THE DRAMATIC SETTINGS OF SHAKESPEARE.

I. Shakespeare News, Miss Lincoln

II. The Stage in Shakespeare's Time, Miss E. Green

III. Dramatic Representation.

KING JOHN, ACT IV, SECT. I.

Hubert, - - Miss Deansfield.
Arthur. - - Miss Reed.

IV. Shakespeare's Social life and Contemporaries, Miss Holbrook

V. Dramatic Representation.

Hermione, - - Miss White.
Paulina, - - Miss Gage.
Perdita, - - Miss Glover.
Leontes, - - Miss Emerson.
Polexenes. - - Miss Tomlinson.

Miss Cooly spent her vacation this year in a trip to Alaska, going by way of California, botanizing as she went.

The other morning there was an exciting time on Norumbega Hill. The mules, generally so quiet and unobtrusive, were the chief performers. In some way they had got loose and were enjoying themselves in a good game of tag with the men who wished to bring them back to the routine of life. The grass in the oval between the cottages, which has been so long growing, was not sacred, neither did they think to step over the flower beds with care. Captured at last they were punished with work all day and hay and water for tea.

The Prelude sympathizes deeply with Miss Gertrude Chandler in the loss of her mother. Mrs. Chandler, will indeed live in the hearts of those left behind as "a perfect woman," who gave herself up to God with a more thorough consecration than it hac ever been their lot to know, before.

Among the old girls back in the past week were Miss Maud Mason, Special, Miss Sue Cushman, '91, Miss Charlotte Sibley, '91, Miss Elizabeth Stewart, '91, and Miss Anna Knapp, '93.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, Wellesley was honored by a visit from Mrs. President Harrison, Mrs. McKee, and Baby McKee. The distinguished visitors were shown around the grounds and buildings, although they had not intended to leave their carriage. But Wellesley proved too irresistable, and they did not leave until a row in '93's boat had been enjoyed with '93's captain at the oars and the Prof. of Physics at the helm.

Mrs. Garfield and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garfield spent the summer here at Simpson cottage.

The Tennis Tournament began on Saturday afternoon, September 26, at four o'clock. As usual the bank was lined with spectators who manifested great enthusiasm in the games

until called upon to "shack" or umpire, when they nearly all "had lots of work to do, and must go home." Among the spectators was a very lively black snake in a bottle. Only four sets were played:

Miss Forbes beat Miss E. Brown, 6—0, 7—5.

Miss Wing beat Miss Alice Reed, 7—5, 6—0. On Monday afternoon.

Miss C. Green beat Miss Kemp, 6—3, 6—2.

Miss Damon beat Miss Wilcox two sets, 7—5, 7—5, and Miss Wilcox beat Miss Damon one. 6—4.

Miss Addiman beat Miss Tooker, 6—2, 6—2.

The college was a scene of gayety last Monday evening when the Sophomores gave their reception to the Freshmen. Every thing was hung with willow, but not of the weeping variety; the arches were draped with green or surrounded with willow instead of the usual heavy portieres. Over the south door was '94's class motto in silver, set in a back ground of willow. Piano lamps and nasturtiums everywhere brightened the scene and gave it color. Miss Shafer, Miss Caroline Fitz Randolph, Miss Edith Crapo, and Miss Helen James received the Freshmen in a bower of willow under the west centre stairs. Opposite them was another bower, formed of the same mournful tree, in which sat Miss Chapin and Miss Bateman. Miss Chapin was dressed as a gay, yellow nasturtium, while Miss Bateman was arrayed in green and silver. Here the Freshmen were first conducted by their Sophomore jailors to receive their work for the evening. This proved to be nothing less than to carry on a conversation upon the different subjects. The souvenirs were green cards in the form of dance orders, printed in silver. The topics, for which each Sophomore had already provided her Freshman with a partner, were as follows: Home,(no tears were noticed)'95's Snap.(which was read as a compliment to '95 or otherwise, according to the Sophomore)College Athletics. Domestic Work, College Fun, "Tubs," College Isolation, "Gym," Wellesley Precedents, and Alma Mater. After every two topics songs were sung by about twenty Sophomores, with solos by Miss Stanwood and Miss Foss, containing all sorts of good advice and encouragement for '95. On Monday afternoon the Freshmen established a precedent. This was due to "'95's Snap." Very secret it was and solemn, and very tantalizing to Sophomores, who enjoy Freshmen meetings, especially when they are secret. Though '95 was premature, yet we congratulate them upon their graceful act. During the evening a most exquisite bunch of white roses was presented to Miss Randolph by '95. On the second floor small tables were set with green, surrounding large bunches of nasturtiums. So far did the loyalty of the class go, that the ices were green, the sandwiches were flavored with nasturtium leaves and each one contained a nasturtium flower. The cake and lemonade alone were free from the emerald hue. On the fourth floor there was also a goodly gathering gazing, not aloft, as befits a Wellesley girl, but down, and this with envy in their eye. Some one was heard to say that they were cherubs, but we know not whether this be true or not. The reception broke up at about ten and silence reigned once more supreme.

The Simpson Juniors also received last Monday evening, in the gymnasium. The dance programs were very pretty. Pansies were painted on the outside, and the pencils attached were clover-pink and white, thus representing both the Junior and Senior classes. Lemonade and wafers were served during the evening. The dance broke up about ten and each one went away wishing that many more such delightful evenings might be in store for them.

The Specials gave their usual reception in the third floor centre on Monday evening, from "seven to nine." The scene was one in which the bright faces of the girls, their dainty

costumes and cosy surroundings united to form a pleasing picture of which they will often think during their days of work. The number as an organization was nearly complete and many new faces were gladly welcomed. An unusually large number of the Faculty were present and added much to the social success of the evening by their cordial informality. Music, dancing and matching quotations, were among the diversions of the evening. The enjoyment of all was greatly heightened by the courtesy of Miss Mary Howe, who so kindly entertained them with her sweet songs. By the aid of the favor, the inevitable "specs," they were enabled to see more clearly into the festive scene below. The refreshments, dainty and abundant, were served on little tables, and many a cosy chat the girls held over their ices. The whole evening was a great success and it is to be hoped that the social feeling and class interest may be increased by many friendly meetings.

OUR EXCHANGES.

It is with joy that we see four papers from other colleges reposing among the commencement editions of last June, four exchanges which tell us of the opening days of institutions only a little behind ourselves in beginning the Fall term. The Dartmouth Literary Monthly gives us a very enjoyable essay on The Prose of Oliver Wendall Holmes, and a discussion of Some Short Stories which turns chiefly on Richard Harding Davis. The Last Rally of Gravelotte is vivid, and The Doctor's Story curious. The poem To a Water Lily might be to a lotus flower, so complete is its spell. Several good things appear in The Contributors Club, of which The Bent in Conqueror's Banner perhaps takes the lead.

We print below a clipping from Amherst Aggie Life. The Unit from Iowa College, and The Lehigh Burr contain news of more local interest.

WELCOME, '95!

"Now Welcome to the Freshman Class!"
The valiant Sophomores cry,
"We know you are a plucky class,
We see it in your eye;
Examinations squelched you not,
But still you are alive
And no professor dared to mark
You less than sixty-five.
This shows that brains you do not lack,
For which we give you praise
[They'll help you on tremendously
In these, your college days."]

"They say you can play foot-ball some,
They tell us you can sing.
All right, that suits us very well,
Just make the campus ring
With Rah! Rah? Rah! for Ninety-five
Until you are hoarse.
But do your best. Old ninety-four
Will beat you there of course,
For we're a larger class than you
And oh, how big we feel!
The English language only seems
Our greatness to conceal.
And so we try to *parlez-vous*
And our importance quench,
But never mind, you Freshman class
Can never study French.

"So welcome now to Ninety-five,
We hope you've come to stay,
We'll help you on as best we can
In every *proper* way,
And next year if you have good luck
And honest are and true,
Eech member of the Freshman class
May be a Sophomore too."

—From Amherst Aggie Life.

OUR UPPER CLASS LAMENT, SEPT. 28, 1891.

Oh! to be a Freshman, these September days,
When the gracious Sophomore her sweetest smile displays!
When with all the treasure which maketh up her store
She decketh out the corridor which headeth by each door.
Sereen and chair and cushion, flower and branch and vine,
Willow and nasturtium, crowd and swing and twine.
Corridors are lively, Sophomores in excess

Freshmen eyes grow rounder, thoughts are fixed
on dress,
Thinks: "I own a Sophomore! or, at least one
part.
Who could ever think it, mighty as thou art!"
Oh, to be a Freshman, or even a Sophomore
Or even yet a Special for *she* has the third floor.
But nothing but a Senior or a Junior is too bad–
Unless perchance a Simpsonite from pity makes
me glad.

But oh, my infant sister, I bid you only wait,
Your glories are but transient—the true ones
linger late.
Your chances will be ample to play at cherub
yet.
Your eyes will grow with wonder and many
points you'll get.
For the day which crowns with glory a Wellesley
girls career
Is that which brings the Junior Prom, where
Freshmen don't appear!

BOOK REVIEWS.

One of the most fascinating books which has appeared recently, and certainly one of the best Chicago has produced is the Chevalier of Pensieri-Vain, the Chevalier of Vain-Thoughts, by Henry B. Fuller. The wandering life of an impecunious, fastidious young Italian, with a taste for art, painting, architecture and music, is followed through twelve chapters of romantic roving. The book impresses one as a series of short sketches, each adventure being almost as enjoyable taken alone as when read in connection with the rest of the books. The subject of the various chapters are certain Italian towns, and Venice, Pisa and Florence are brought before us, each in her own peculiar beauty, by one who seems more Italian than the Italians in his appreciation of life in the peninsula. The atmosphere of dreamy, serene Italy surrounds the reader, and the constant presence of the Cavaliere only perfects the situation. If one can indicate a choice where all is charming, the chapter on Rome might be called the most amusing, the one on Orvieto the most noble. The book, although recently published, has already gone thro' two editions.

As different as can be imagined is the little character sketch of Mlle. Ixe, which was written by Miss Hawker. A plot and romance serve to bring out the strong lines of the brave character, and the happiness of a tranquil English home forms a frame for the terrible Russian Nihilist whose courage is born of desperation, and whose law is that of necessity. When we leave Mlle. Ixe in the gloom and chill of a Russian prison, we feel its damp walls are but the faint emblem of the "shadow of death" under which she and her countrymen languish.

AULD ACQUAINTANCE.

The next meeting of the Boston Wellesley College Club will be held at the college on Saturday afternoon, October tenth. The members are asked to come to the Faculty parlor promptly at three o'clock for a brief business meeting. The remainder of the afternoon will be given to purely social purposes. It is hoped that all former Wellesley students who are to be near enough to Boston to attend the meetings of the club during the coming year will be glad to avail themselves of these opportunities for pleasant reunions, and will send their names and addresses to the secretary, Miss Mabel G. Curtis, 106 Huntington Ave., Boston. A cordial invitation to this meeting is also extended to all college friends who may be visiting in the vicinity.

Miss Caroline Williamson and Miss Ethel Paton of '89, are also abroad for a year. Their address is care of The City Bank, Limited, London, England.

Miss Katherine J. Lane, '89, is teaching in Freehold, N. J.

Miss Gertrude James, '89, has a position in the High School, Hastings, Nebraska.

Miss Rose D. Howe, '86, is resident physician of the Northwestern Hospital for women and children at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The address of Miss F. T. Brown, '88, for the coming year is St. Michael and All Angels, Anniston, Alabama.

Miss Mathilde Denkman, '86, who has been studying art in Munich and Paris for the past two years, will remain abroad for still another year.

Misses Elise, Margaret and Lonie Weyerhaeuser with Miss Lizzie Denkman and Miss Susie Hosford spent the past summer in Alaska.

Miss Flora A. Smeallie, '86, sailed for Germany, July 22nd, in company with Miss Goodwin and Miss Spencer of '87.

Miss Mary Damon, '86, is to be the resident physician at the College Settlement in New York this year.

BORN.

In Brookline, Mass., in March, 1891, a son, Benjamin Edwards Cole, 2nd, to Mrs. Adeline Dodge Cole, student at Wellesley, '84-'86.

In Le Mars, Iowa, July 17th, a daughter to Mrs. Emily Robinson Coleman, '86.

MARRIED.

Smith—Braley.—In West Addison, Vt., June 18th, Lou Ella Smith, '86, to Dr. Henry H. Braley.

Campbell—Telie.—In Cherryfield, Maine, Oct. 1st, Henrietta S. Campbell, student at Wellesley, '85-'86, to John Sheridan Telie. New address, Plymouth, Conn.

DIED.

In Auburndale, Mass., Sept. 25th, Mrs. John E. Chandler, mother of Miss Gertrude A. Chandler, '79.

NEW POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 1890-'91.

Miss Mary M. Crawford, B. A., '91, School of Madame Carpentier, 86 N. Broadway, Lexington, Ky.

Miss Louise W. Danielson. B. A., '91, High School. Southington, Conn.

Miss Mary Louise Danielson, B. S., '91. Miss Rodney's School, Portland. Oregon.

WABAN RIPPLES.

IN PHILOSOPHY VI.

Instructor. What realm does the study of psychology cover, Miss H—?

Senior. The entire realm not covered by physics.

Instructor. Do you understand that, aside from psychology, physics embraces the entire universe?

Last year's Junior. Well, not the physics we have here.

At a certain country place a number of "Fresh Air" children were having their little vacation, and a company of young people were likewise enjoying themselves at the same place. One of the young ladies was quite a heroine among the small boys, and was usually accompanied by a body guard of them. One of the little fellows observing her thoroughly impartial pleasure in them remarked,

"You smiles at everybody, don't you?"

Once upon a time there was a worthy clergyman, who, was wont to correct the speech of those about him in rather a hasty fashion. Upon one occasion his wife was discussing the feasibility of buying a piano, as she expressed it, "by instalments."

"Estelle!" said her husband, "what do you mean? Who ever heard of buying a piano piece by piece?"

A little girl was once visiting a youthful cousin who was somewhat straitlaced in her small religious ideas. The first little girl brought out her doll on Sunday and was playing with it as on other days.

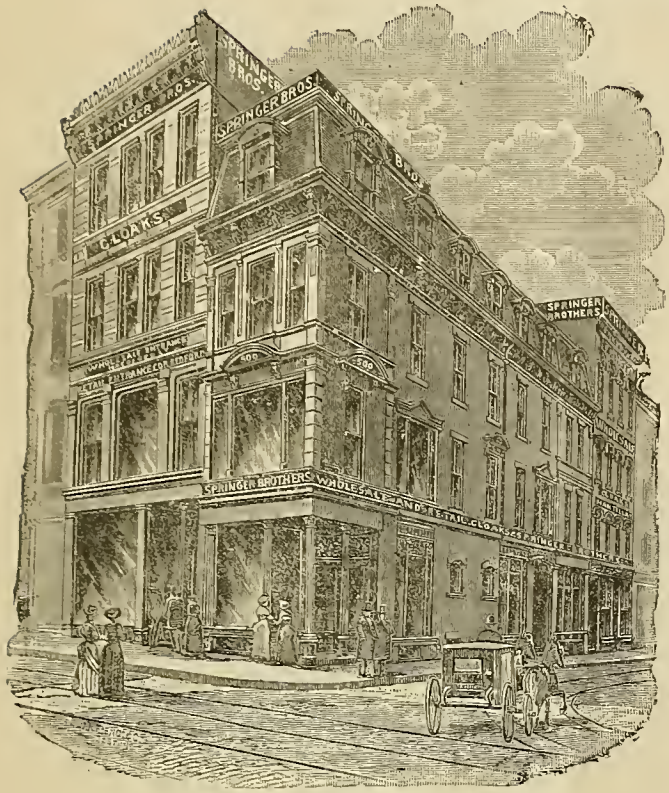
"Gertie, Gertie," said her cousin, "do you know what day this is?"

"Oh dear! Sabbath Day," responded Gertie petulantly.

The little cousin ran at once to tell her mother how naughty Gertie had been.

"Now, Gertie," said the aunt, "what did you say when Annie asked you what day it was?"

"Why Auntie," unhesitatingly, "I said, 'Oh, *dear* Sabbath Day.'"



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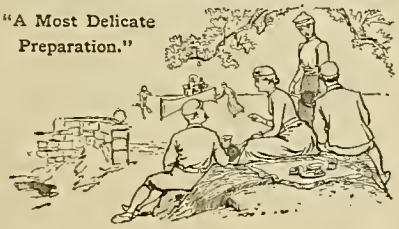

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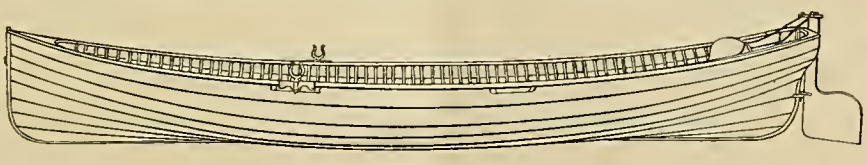

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